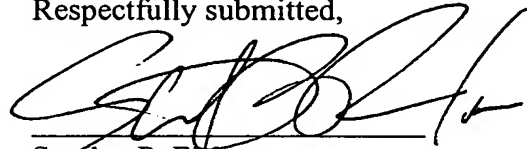


therein in accordance with standard U.S. practice, thereby reducing the basic filing fee. No new matter has been added to the application as a result of this amendment.

In view of the above amendments and Applicant's comments stated herein, Applicant respectfully requests an early and favorable action on the merits.

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10. The rice plant according to ~~any of claims 1 to 9~~, wherein said rice plant is rice.
11. A seed of a rice plant collected from said rice plant according to ~~any of claims 1 to 9~~.
12. A seed of the rice plant according to ~~any of claims 1 to 9~~, wherein said rice plant is rice, said seed having been collected from said rice

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